

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Tetsujiro KONDO et al.  
Serial No.: 10/593,890  
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For: INFORMATION-SIGNAL-PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
FUNCTIONAL BLOCK CONTROL METHOD, AND  
FUNCTIONAL BLOCK  
Art Unit: 2827

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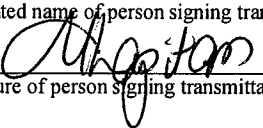
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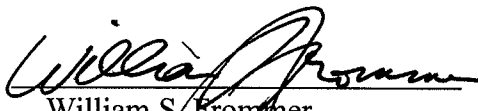
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned attorney of the status of the above-referenced  
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Respectfully submitted,

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